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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite yarn, comprising:

- (a) a core yarn having at least one metallic wire, and
- (b) a cover yarn, ~~wherein one of the core yarn and the cover yarn comprises~~
~~including a fluid-soluble strand and the other of the core yarn and cover yarn comprises a~~
~~non-fluid-soluble strand selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid.~~

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 15 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 1, ~~wherein said core~~
~~yarn comprises a multi-filament water-soluble fiber yarn and said cover yarn comprises~~
~~consists of a single strand of metallic wire.~~

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 5 1, wherein said core yarn comprises 760 denier/ 48 filament yarn a multifilament stainless steel wire.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 5 1, wherein said core yarn comprises a multi-filament yarn having a denier of between 20 and 2,000 0.002 inch stainless steel wire.

Claim 9 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product intended for subsequent processing into a metallic fabric suitable for fabrication, comprising:

- (a) a fabric comprised of a core yarn having at least one metallic wire; and

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(b) a cover yarn, wherein one of the core yarn and the cover yarn comprises including a fluid-soluble strand and the other of the core yarn and cover yarn comprises a non-fluid-soluble strand selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid, which wherein said cover yarn can be dissolved after formation of the intermediate fabric product.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said cover core yarn comprises at least one metallic a multifilament stainless steel wire.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said core yarn comprises a multi-filament water-soluble fiber yarn and said cover yarn comprises consists of a single strand of metallic wire.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 13 9, wherein said core cover yarn comprises 760 denier/ 48 filament yarn at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 13 9, wherein said core yarn comprises a multi-filament yarn having a denier of between 20 and 2,000 steel wire.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 14 15, wherein said wire comprises a 0.002 inch stainless steel wire.

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Claim 17 (original): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said intermediate fabric product comprises a knitted fabric.

Claims 18-34 (withdrawn).

Claim 35 (new): A composite yarn according to claim 1, wherein said cover yarn comprises at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 36 (new): A composite yarn according to claim 35, wherein said cover yarn has a denier of 750.

Claim 37 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said fabric further comprises an elastomer for retaining a predetermined shape of the intermediate fabric product, wherein said elastomer remains after said cover yarn is dissolved.

Claim 38 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 14, wherein said cover yarn has a denier of 750.